

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/23/2009 has been entered.
2. This action is in response to Applicant's submission filed 11/23/2009. Claims 1, 5, 18-19, and 47 have been amended, and claims 16-17 and 29-30 have been canceled. Claims 1-13, 15, 18-27, and 47 remain pending in the application and have been fully considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Barry Goldsmith, Reg. No. 39,690 on 2/26/2010. During the interview, it was agreed that further limitations, with respect to the independent claims, specifying that the pre and post processing of methods provides added functionality, would overcome the prior art of record.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 19, and 47 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): At the end of the claim, after "post processing method to messages", please insert the following: "providing added functionality that does not exist through default message processing".

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): At the end of the claim, after "post processing method to messages", please insert the following: "providing added functionality that does not exist through default message processing".

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): In line 14, after "post processing method to be applied to a message from the client", please insert the following: "providing added functionality that does not exist through default message processing".

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The examiner indicated that this application would be in condition for allowance if the independent claims 1, 19, and 47 are amended to include the features related to adding pre and post processing to methods providing added functionality that does not exist through default message processing. The above features, taken in combination with all remaining features of the independent claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record. The applicant agreed to amend the independent claims 1, 19, and 47 as indicated by the examiner. The distinctions provided by the independent claims apply equally to all dependent claims. Thus all pending claims 1-13, 15, 18-27, and 47 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES RUTTEN whose telephone number is (571)272-3703. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:00-6:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571)272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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